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HUNTER SHOT; BLEEDS TO DEATH

Charles Schroeder, well known Chicago Heights man, was the victim of the first hunting accident in the vicinity of Frankfort in many years, and it is perhaps the only fatality which has ever happened in this section in connection with hunting.

Mr. Schroeder, in company with other hunters, was hunting on a farm near Andreas Station, when a shotgun carried by one of the hunters was accidentally discharged, the charge entering Mr. Schroeder's leg. As the accident occurred some distance from a farm house, Mr. Schroeder bled to death before help could be obtained.

MORE TRAINS FOR ORLAND

Orland is going to have ideal suburban service to Chicago if the plans of the Wabash railroad are carried out. It is understood that three 8-hour shifts are going to be put on, and trains operated between Orland and Chicago up to midnight. This will be a big thing for Orland, as it will eventually mean that this town will be further built up, as good transportation is a big factor in building up a town. The Wabash has been giving service, but is doing its best to still better serve it.

The freight equipment of this road has been improved by the addition of new coal cars.

Tinley Park Vol. Fire Dept. to Give Hop

The Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department is planning on giving their annual first masquerade ball of the season, to be held at the Saenger hall on Saturday night, Jan. 6th. A very choice list of prizes are announced for the ladies and the men, and everyone is urged to come out. The old-fashioned waltzes will be played for the old folks, and the live and popular strains for the younger folks. The music will be furnished by the Sinco Melodians of Chicago.

Mokena Dairymen Hold Important Meeting

The dairymen of Mokena and vicinity held a meeting Saturday morning at the Hatch hall to discuss a number of important matters relative to the milk industry.

The new proposition made by the Bowman Dairy Company of paying 8 cents more per 100 lbs. for milk within 50 miles of Chicago and in the first freight rate zone was discussed and favorably considered.

Three delegates, namely: Chas. Erickson, Frank Marti and Arthur Geuther were appointed as delegates to the milk meeting at Elgin Wednesday of this week.

The trucking question was also thoroughly discussed. It was shown that this is a new menace which the farmers must deal with, especially dairymen.

It was pointed out that trucking takes much milk away from bottling plants and the railroads. It was pointed out that if the trucking business was better patronized than the local Bowman Dairy plant, it would mean that the local plant would be forced to close, which would mean a real calamity and a terrific blow to everyone in this section. If the same trucking business got more than the Rock Island milk train, then this train would naturally be taken off, and this, too, would be another calamity to the public. Then, with plant shut down and milk train gone, the milk would be lost.

It is shown that nearly a third of the trucking interests, who could then charge any price they wanted to for taking the dairymen's milk to Chicago. The dairymen were warned not to let such things happen, but to see that the local Bowman Dairy Plant and the Rock Island milk train keep on running. Just what action the dairymen will take in this matter has not been announced.

OLD ORLAND SCHOOL SOLD

Last Saturday the old Orland school house and a half acre of land was sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The property was sold to Messrs Geo. E. Gee, cashier of the Orland State Bank, and Edgar Cooper for the consideration of \$2,610. This property was an old landmark in Orland.

Our Greeting to Each of You



TRUST that your Christmas preparations have been satisfactory, that your gifts will produce a high degree of pleasure in recompense for the love and consideration which prompt them, and that you will spend the holiday suffused with the feelings of peace and joy which come from work well done and a knowledge that you have made others happier.

If the bestowal of Christmas remembrances were merely the following of a custom, and not inspired by a higher purpose, we believe that it would soon die out; for customs change. The fact that it increases from year to year shows that the spirit of good will, the desire to give pleasure to the unfortunate and the impressing upon friends that they have an important existence in one's heart are deeply rooted, flourishing sentiments. Such are attributes of the soul and point to that soul-growth which is the best augury for the future of mankind.

Our greeting to you is of cheer and confident hope. Our feeling toward you is of deep appreciation for the encouragement and patronage you have given us, and an optimism that if we continue to co-operate we shall be able to make this community more prosperous and better in every way. Our wish is that this may be the merriest Christmas you have ever spent.

THE PUBLISHERS

AGED NEW LENOX RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. T. L. Borges, well known New Lenox township resident, died at her home Sunday evening, at 3:45 o'clock, following an attack of plural pneumonia. She was 80 years old.

Funeral services were held from the late home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, concluding at the New Lenox M. E. church at 2 o'clock, Rev. Hamilton officiating. Burial in Maplewood cemetery.

Mrs. Borges was born in Sweden, April 30, 1842. She came to America in 1870, and settled in Chicago. She was united in marriage with T. L. Borges in 1878. In 1880 they came to New Lenox township, and the deceased has resided here ever since.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, three brothers—A. G. Nelson, Big Lake, Minn.; Charles Nelson, New Lenox; and Fred Nelson of Chicago; one sister—Mathilda Erickson of New Lenox, and the community of which she was a part.

Marley Brotherhood Has Oyster Supper

The Marley Brotherhood held their annual meeting on Friday evening last. An oyster supper was provided, and a splendid program of music and readings was on the bill of fare. The financial report was encouraging. Besides all other expenses, \$200 was contributed toward the church budget.

A large number meet regularly each Sunday morning with the Sunday school, and discuss together vital and worth while subjects.

James Frazer was re-elected president, Ed. Marshall was elected vice-president, and Howard Warner, secretary.

Marley Xmas Program

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the Marley Community church will be held in the church next Sunday evening (Dec. 24th) at 7:30. A musical Cantata has been prepared by the school. All friends will be made welcome.

Special Services At St. Mary's at Mokena

Father Julius Schott, O. F. M., the new pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church of Mokena, has asked The News-Bulletin to announce that the common rule is to have services at Mokena every second Sunday, but altho next Sunday is not the second Sunday, yet services will be held. Services are also to be held on Christmas day. Services next Sunday will be held at 9:30 a. m. On Christmas day there will be a Mass at 7 a. m., a High Mass at 9 a. m., and a Low Mass immediately after the High Mass. Confessions will be heard Sunday afternoon. On the following Sunday, Dec. 31st, and on New Year's day services will be held at 9:30 a. m. This is the program for St. Mary's church.

Having been appointed the new pastor of St. Mary's church some time ago, Father Schott held services last Sunday for the first time. He is engaged as a member of the Franciscan Herald staff. The Herald is a monthly publication, conducted in the interests of the Indian missions in the South. He came to Chicago three months ago, after teaching at Quincy College, Quincy, Ill., for the last four years. He will come to Mokena every second Sunday to conduct services, while the sick calls that may come during the intervals will be taken care of by the Franciscan Fathers at Oak Forest. The ill health of Father Alexis Bender, the last pastor of Mokena, forced him to resign his position, and his labors are now confined to Joliet.

Brakeman Injured

While the Rock Island freight local was switching cars at Tinley Park, Tuesday morning, Mr. Johnson, a brakeman, fell thru an open trap back of the depot. He was badly bruised about the legs, and the ribs on the right side were sprained. Dr. Ickstadt, the local company physician, being out of town the injured man went to Mokena, but the company doctor there was also out of town, so he went to Joliet, and in the evening returned to his home in Blue Island.

First Wedding In New Mokena Church

The new St. John Evangelical church of Mokena was the scene of the first wedding in the new edifice Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14th, when Miss Julia Yunker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Yunker, and Mr. Arthur Beagley, son of Mr. Wm. T. Beagley, both of Orland, were united in marriage, Rev. Wm. Kreis officiating.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the bridal party appeared at the new church. Miss Edna Schmuhl sang "O, Promise Me," before the bridal party entered. As the bridal party entered the auditorium Misses Elfredia Kreis and Waneta Oswald played Lohengrin's wedding march, the former playing the violin, the latter the organ. The bridal party was led by little Virgil Kreimer of Joliet, nephew of the bride, who acted as ring bearer. He was attired in white cashmere.

The bride was given away by her father at the altar. She was prettily gowned in white Canton crepe. She wore a veil caught with lilies of the valley, and also wore a strand of pearls, a gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Viola Beagley, sister of the groom, who was attired in white Canton crepe, and Miss Hazel Sippel, a cousin of the bride, who was gowned in pale pink Canton crepe. Both bridesmaids carried shower bouquets of rosebuds.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Walter Beagley, and Mr. Benjamin Yunker, brother of the bride. A large number of guests witnessed the ceremony. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. Kreis.

Following the wedding ceremony, the bridal party and guests went to the home of the bride, where a wedding dinner was served, covers being laid for eighty-five guests. The dining room was decorated in pink and white, the bride's colors. Three cousins of the bride, Misses Ella Bettenhausen, Elsie Sievert and Alma Yunker, served as table waitresses.

Mr. and Mrs. Beagley received many beautiful gifts of silverware, cut glass, and other pretty and useful presents. They expect to go west on a wedding trip this week. They will reside in Orland. Their many friends extend congratulations.

MOKENA GETS HARD COAL

Mokena people have been without hard coal for a long time, and those who had a small supply on hand kept their hard coal stoves agoing. Monday W. H. Bechstein had a carload on track, and the entire car was cleaned out in short order. There is plenty of soft coal on hand. The price has dropped 75 cents a ton, Southern Illinois coal selling at \$8.75.

THE WORLD'S BEST NEWS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Kemnitz, Pastor

Extra! Extra! The world's best news: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord!"

Hear it again Dec. 24. 10:30 a. m., English services 7:30, Children's service.

Dec. 25.—10:30 a. m., German services.

Dec. 31.—10:30 a. m., German services; 7:30, English services, with celebration of the Lord's Supper. Announcements are requested Friday, Dec. 29.

May the new-born Christ-child richly bless you!

Cantata Feature of New Lenox M. E. Program

The New Lenox M. E. church will have special services and music next Sunday morning. In the evening the Christmas program will be rendered, the chief feature being a Cantata, "Prophecy of Fulfillment," in which the young folks and Sunday school will take part. A New Year service is also being planned. A watch night service will be held Dec. 31st.

Sixty Children In Zion Luth. Xmas Program

The Zion Lutheran church of Tinley Park is going to put on an elaborate Christmas program Sunday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. Sixty children will take part in the exercises. The Luther League will also sing. A big Christmas tree will also be on hand.

On Christmas day services will be held at the usual morning hour of worship. On the second Xmas day services will be held at the same time.

Tinley Parker's See Blouin win Tournament

Geo. Lorenz and Geo. Stricker attended the big bowling contest in Chicago Tuesday, in which James Blouin of Blue Island won the World Bowling Championship title permanently. He won against Smith of Milwaukee by 5 points, the grand total of points standing 278-273. Mr. Lorenz was one of the lucky ones to bet on Blouin.

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The Orland State Bank



RADIO

CONDENSER ACTS AS STORAGE TANK

How the Fixed and Variable Types Are Constructed and What They Do.

A condenser in a radio circuit is a storage tank for electrical charges. This storage unit may be either fixed or variable. The fixed condenser, which consists principally of a few sheets of metal foil, intersected between paraffined paper or mica and bound tightly together, and which, unlike the variable condenser, does not cost very much either to buy or build, is the one generally used on the receiving circuit of the vacuum tube.

When connected across the terminals of the receiver, the fixed condenser has the property of discharging with great violence across these terminals and setting up stronger currents to act upon the magnet coils of the receiver. If the condenser were left out of the circuit the receivers would still respond to the impulses of the detector's rectified currents, but when they are added to the circuit, these currents build up a voltage in the condenser so great that when it is discharged it does so with violence. This discharge occurs at each impulse in the voice of the speaker. The voice impulses set up in the condenser are forced to discharge immediately, in order to leave room for the next charge and to prevent the condenser's becoming overloaded. Just imagine a reservoir of water filling slowly until the water were up to brim, and then flood gates opened so that the water all ran out. This is a good example of the manner in which the condenser

wave length of the circuit, depending upon the number of plates that are inserted in the condenser as it is varied from 180 degrees to zero.

By reason of this characteristic the variable condenser allows for very close tuning.

A condenser consists of two electrical conductors separated by an insulator. The electrical conductors are called the plates and the insulating medium separating the plates is called the dielectric.

In Fig. 1 is shown a simple condenser consisting of two plates, A and B, with air between two plates acting as the dielectric. If now a battery C is connected to the two condenser plates, the positive side of the battery to one plate and the negative side to the other plate, a current will flow. This current that flows from the battery terminals when the battery is connected to the plates of the condenser is called the charging current. During the process of charging a condenser an electric displacement takes place in the dielectric. This electric displacement gives rise to an electromotive force which tends to oppose the applied electromotive force from the battery C. Finally a point is reached where the back e. m. f. and the charging current become zero.

If the battery C be disconnected from the condenser a potential difference will exist between the two condenser plates that will just be equal to the potential of the battery C. Short-circuiting the condenser plates will cause the condenser to discharge, a condition that will exist until the potential difference between the plates has been reduced to zero or until the dielectric has again resumed its normal state.

The charge that can be placed on a static condenser depends upon three factors. First, the area of the condenser plates; second, the thickness and composition of the dielectric, and third, the potential difference applied to the plates by the battery C.

Watch Your "A" Battery.

When your storage battery is "cranky" do you have it recharged without having it looked over by an expert? If you do not take any notice of it you are apt to be buying a new battery in a short time. Many are the things which can go wrong in a storage battery. Here are a few of the more simple troubles which lead to bigger ones: Letting the specific gravity of the battery go without notice, not using distilled water, over-charging, letting the battery stand idle for a length of time without charging and drawing too much current from it. These are only a few of the many troubles which occur in storage batteries of the lead-plate type.

What Is Meant by Resonance.

You'll read in any radio magazine or other publication that in order to detect incoming waves you must bring your secondary into resonance. Sounds oddlike, doesn't it? It's very simple. Take two tuning forks. Adjust them to the same pitch and strike one. The other will respond to its vibrations. That's resonance.

Resonance in radio means bringing your couplings to a point of sympathy by tuning carefully with the incoming wave and you'll get it.

RADIO FLASHES

It is now the thing for social clubs to have "radio committees."

An eastern institution for the blind has installed radio for its boys. The boys receive lessons in the code and learn to copy commercial messages.

Dry cells cannot successfully be used for the filament supply of vacuum tubes. The batteries will hold up for about five minutes, and then they will slowly die down, until nothing at all can be heard.

Radio waves from Queenstown, Ireland, were amplified in New York with such success that they disturbed the proceedings of the Supreme court in a building opposite the receiving station.

At present France has the most powerful radio station in the world in the American built Lafayette towers near Bordeaux. The station now being erected at Port Jefferson, Long Island, will by the end of the year take first place.

Dr. H. W. Nichols, an eminent electrical engineer, announces that the ether is not only not of use in radio transmission, but that it is an interference. Dr. Nichols believes that much can be done to remedy the static disturbance by a means of sharper tuning.

Radio outposts have become so numerous in the apartment houses in New York that it has become a problem to find space for the antennae on the roofs. A scheme is being developed to have community service rendered to tenants over the house telephone wires.

Dr. Marconi is reported as saying that radio will result in the junking of the ocean cables. Mr. Mackay of the Commercial Cable system, says Marconi "talks through his hat." It seems to us that neither could be called a disinterested witness. It is only fair to Marconi, however, to say that it is doubtful if he uses his hat as a means of transmission; the ether is too handy.

"Good-Bye, Old Year!"



GOOD-BYE, Old Year!—the fickle World
Pursues another Flame,
And Time—the ruthless, changing Time—
Will now erase your name.

And yet your younger rival with
His aspect bright and new
Is but an unread version of
The hopes we had in you.

The apple-blossoms of his Spring,
The little seeds that lie
Deep buried in the Heart of Earth,
Will live again—and die.

He, too, will give the warmth of Sun,
And days of slanting rain,
As he deals out our yearly share
Of happiness and pain.

The big round moon and silver stars
That lighted up your skies
Will shine upon as many loves
In just as many eyes.

And he will bring the fragrant June
When crimson roses nod,
And hurry through the Summertime
To flaunt the goldenrod.

The painted pathway of his Fall
Will be with clouds o'ercast,
Because his Winter footsteps reach
The Portal you have passed.

Good-bye, Old Year!—we loved you well;
We found your treasures dear,
But you have died as monarchs die—
And so—Long live the Year!

—Nan Terrell Reed, in N. Y. Times

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Customs and Their Origin; Happenings of Long Ago.

All Peoples Have Ways of Amusing Themselves on Special Occasions and at Fixed Seasons.

AN OLD philosopher, who was none the less a philosopher for his constant and close observation of men, remarked that we can best judge men's temperament and ideals by watching them at their work and at their play. A keen observer would have very little difficulty in judging Americans by their work. One such has aptly called this country "The Land of the Strenuous Life." Even our sports partake so much of this strenuousness that the medical profession is beginning to warn us of overindulgence in the more violent forms of athletics.

But all peoples have ways of amusing themselves on special occasions and at fixed seasons after a manner so well established that it has come to be regarded a kind of ritual, says the New York Herald. This has come down to us from the ages when our forebears first pushed their way out of the dry tablelands of civilization. Even the mighty power of the churches has not been able to brush aside some practices that have their roots deep in paganism.

Old Customs That Continue.

Probably after Halloween and Christmas there is no festival of the year so glib about with long-established customs as New Year's day. Among the best known of these are the auguries drawn from what was called the "Candlemas bull." In Scotland and other northern countries the term Candlemas, given to this season of the year, is supposed to have had its origin in religious ceremonies performed by candle light. The candles used were very large and highly ornamented, and were brought in at the midnight hour to the assembled guests, who, since the falling of dusk, had been drinking freely of the wassail bowl. Then, in procession, they marched out into the night, and to their imaginations the passing clouds assumed the shape of a bull. From the rise and fall and general motions of these clouds the seer foretold good or bad weather. Sometimes, too, auguries for the future were gathered from the state of the atmosphere on New Year's Eve, and also from the force and character of the wind.

In the imagination of most primitive peoples, especially those of the North, who were forced to battle against the elements of nature for life and sustenance, the eves of great

feasts were considered occasions when the spirits of good and evil were in deadly conflict. The moment of midnight on New Year's Eve was always considered a time of special activity for the spirits of evil. In order to overcome them holier and more powerful influences had to be invoked. The evil spirits, or geni, as can be gathered from the Icelandic and Anglo-Saxon folklore, and even from words in their dialect, could be overcome by an appeal to the good geni, the hognmen, or hillmen.

Probably imported from Italy was the superstition that on New Year's Eve the "evil eye" was all the more malignant. Then, too, there was a widespread practice of the "settling of mete or drynke by nights on the benches to fede Allhoide or Gobyln." In some of the dialogues of the famous medieval morality play, "Dives and Pauper," we find mention of this and many other New Year's customs intended to counteract the activities of the forces of evil.

Christmas Cheer Continued.

Perhaps that contributed most to this general fear of sinister influences was the deep drinking among the people, which continued almost unintermittently from Christmas until New Year's day. Up to the Ninth century, except in the Syrian and Coptic churches, New Year's was not celebrated as a special feast day, but was looked upon as merely the octave of Christmas. Therefore the Christmas cheer was continued throughout the entire octave without abatement. It flickered up for the last time on New Year's day, as is clear from the one hundred and ninety-eighth sermon of Augustine, bishop of Hippo.

In England on New Year's Eve the young women went about carrying the "wassail bowl" and singing from door to door certain verses—a custom which had much in common with the hognman practice in Scotland. Het pint, the strange brew which in that country was carried about in the streets at midnight, was composed of ale, spirits, sugar, nutmeg or cinnamon. It was a powerful potion, the effects of which were almost immediately evident. Ritson in a collection of ancient songs gives us a few sung to the quaffings of this "prince of liquors, old or new." One such is:

A jolly wassail bowl,
A wassail of good ale,
Well fare the butler's soul
That setteth this to sale;
Out jolly wassail!

Notwithstanding the opposition which it has met since the year 1811, when many abuses were discovered in the practice, the custom of hurrying first across the threshold of his sweetheart has been practiced by many a young lad in Anglo-Saxon countries. The young lady listened attentively from the time the midnight bells ceased to ring to catch the first footfall on the floor.

The welfare of the family, particularly the fairer portion of it, was supposed to depend upon the character of the first comer after the midnight hour had sounded. Great care was taken to exclude all improper persons, especially as the midnight intruder enjoyed the privilege of imprinting a "hearty kiss" on the lips of the expectant lassie.

Bestowing Gifts.

The custom of bestowing gifts has become so inextricably linked with the New Year's celebrations in Paris that New Year's day is still called the Jour d'Estrennes. This custom seems to have had its rise in the conduct of the nobles of the late Middle ages, who were in the habit of bestowing gifts upon their sovereign. Naturally the ruler, not wishing to remain under obligations to them, returned the gift in a princely fashion. In England, however, especially in the time of Queen Elizabeth, this custom became so burdensome that it occasioned general protest among the nobles. "Good Queen Bess" was not slow to indicate just what kind of gifts she expected, or rather exacted. She let it be known also what consequences would follow the withholding of the jewels and the silks which she looked for at the hands of her subjects. She was so niggardly in her own gifts that we can understand how the custom fell into disuse and in the time of George IV was abandoned.

The giving of gifts was also very common among the people. On Christmas, and often on St. Stephen's day, employers, parents and masters presented Christmas boxes to their dependents. It was a form of Christmas charity. On New Year's day, however, gifts were exchanged between friends and acquaintances as a sign of good will. This custom, perhaps, had its origin in the box which was taken aboard every vessel that sailed out of port during the octave of Christmas and which was not to be opened until the return of the vessel. Contributions were to be dropped into this box, large or small, according as the day had been propitious or otherwise. The person to whom the contents of the box were given was supposed to have a mass said for the mariners who had made the gift. Hence the name of "Christmas boxes," which were given up to and including New Year's day. Each one of these days became known as "boxing day."

JANUARY FIRST DRAWS NEAR.

The light and airy manner He had some weeks ago Has passed from him completely. His heart is filled with woe, For that day is approaching He great dreams to see, When Friend Will remind him Of promises that he Has made—those resolutions That will be hard to keep, Requiring such an effort, 'Twould make an angel weep.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Protest in Behalf of the Pueblo Indians



WASHINGTON.—In the senate the other day Senator Borah of Idaho interrupted proceedings long enough to say:

"I wish to call attention to the bill (S. 3855) to ascertain and settle land claims of persons not Indians within Pueblo Indian land, land grants and reservations in the state of New Mexico, which passed the senate in the closing days of the session, and which, I think, passed the senate under a misapprehension as to what its terms are. I ask unanimous consent that the house be requested to return the bill to the senate."

There was no objection and an order was entered to that effect. In the house the request of the senate was granted and the bill was returned to the senate.

This bill, which is called the Bur-

sum Indian bill because introduced by Senator Bursum of New Mexico, seems to have evoked much criticism in various parts of the country.

The latest is a protest signed by about fifty artists and writers of note, most of whom have lived among these Indians. They say, in part:

"The bill is grossly unjust to the Indians and violates every official protestation that the government is their protector. The Indians, helpless politically, have issued, with one voice, from all the Pueblos a dignified but moving manifesto, asking fair play."

"Adding our voice to theirs in this emergency, we, the undersigned, who have had opportunity to study conditions among the villages, and to understand the faithless provisions of the projected law, and who intend doing our best to expose the facts, call upon the American people to protest immediately against the impending Bursum Indian bill, whether in its present form or with disingenuous amendments."

"We ask this for the sake of the Pueblos, who, though probably the most industrious and deserving of all our Indian wards, are now threatened with the loss of their lands and of their community existence. We ask it even more for the sake of Americans themselves, as a test of national honor."

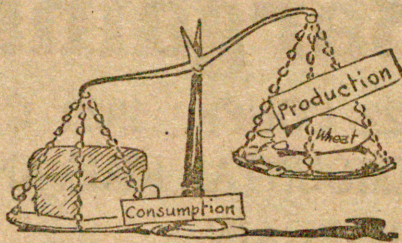
Wheat Growing in the United States

AN OUTSTANDING fact facing the American wheat farmer, says the annual yearbook of the Department of Agriculture, is that while the per capita consumption of wheat in this country has steadily increased, there has been a gradual decrease in per capita production. This tendency probably will continue, it is added, at least until the United States reaches the point where it consumes practically all of the wheat it produces.

The economic situation of the wheat crop, production and marketing, from seedling to international trade, is presented in the yearbook.

The discussion is the result of combined research and study by a number of the nation's leading agronomists and agricultural economists connected with the department.

It is shown that nearly a third of the farmers in the United States grow wheat. Only corn and hay exceed this bread crop in acreage occupied, and normally only these two crops and cotton exceed wheat in value. The wheat crop as a whole has much to do with the prosperity of the nation, says



the yearbook, because the grain enters into foreign trade to a greater extent than any other crop except cotton.

The country has exported a surplus of wheat in every year of its history except 1836, besides keeping pace with an ever-increasing demand at home. During the last 20 years, however, the yearbook states, the volume of exports has decreased, except under the artificial stimulation of the recent war. Because of improvements in milling processes which make bread more attractive, increasing prosperity and the increasing proportion of the population in the cities, the per capita consumption of wheat has increased.

New Service for Reporting Live Stock

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NEW live-stock reporting service for forecasting current live stock production, marketable supplies and commercial movements has been organized by the Department of Agriculture. The service will cover the corn belt and the Western range states and will function through state statisticians already connected with the department's crop estimate work. The co-operation of many railroads, stock yards, packing plants and producers' organizations for furnishing data as a basis for forecasting has been obtained.

The new service is part of the department's program for collecting and disseminating information bearing upon agriculture, in an effort to influence the organization of the farm business on a sound economic basis. It is believed that statistics on pres-

ent and prospective live stock production and information of current market movements will enable purchasers better to correlate supply with demand, thereby preventing gluts or shortages and the attending fluctuations in prices.

The following reports are proposed, to be issued from time to time: Monthly reports on changes in numbers of live stock on farms, semi-annual pig surveys in March and November, monthly reports of receipts and shipments of live stock from the corn belt and Western states, monthly reports showing pasture and feed conditions in the range states, the condition of live stock expressed in percentages of normal, and live stock prices on the range in territory distant from markets.

Estimates of the number of cattle on feed will be made December 1, January 1 and possibly February 1 of each year, the estimates to be confined to areas where cattle are fed for market chiefly in the corn belt states.

Estimates on December 1 and January 1 will show the number of sheep and lambs on feed; estimates on March 1 will show the probable spring movement of sheep and lambs from California, Arizona, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.

Food Industry Leads Iron and Steel

THE popular conception that the iron and steel industry is the largest single one in the country is declared by the Department of Agriculture to be erroneous. The greatest industry is that of food manufacturing. It outstrips iron and steel, the department says, as four outstrips one.

As emphasizing the need of additional food-control laws, the department calls attention to the great growth in recent times of food manufacturing in factories as against preparation in homes. A few years ago, it says, most food was prepared at home or near by, and since the consumer knew about the conditions of its preparation there was little need for food laws. Today, as so much food is produced and prepared a long way from those who consume it, some sort of government control is regarded by department officers as necessary.

The meat-packing industry alone, the department declares, represents a greater value than the steel industry. The total value of manufactured food products in 1919 was \$13,391,914,000. Among the food products that make up the total, flour-mill products stand next to packing-house products.



Considering the size of the task, the expense involved in federal inspection of food is low, the cost having been less than one-hundredth of 1 per cent of the value of those products. That the job is a large one is shown by census figures noting that in 1919 there were 67,453 establishments engaged in the manufacture of food products.

These figures include manufactured goods only and do not take into account the great volume of commerce in raw foods such as milk, fresh fish, wheat, corn, oats, fruits and vegetables. To these large amounts must also be added the food products imported, which in 1921 amounted to \$672,975,000.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24

A LESSON IN TRUST AND PREPAREDNESS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:13-40.
GOLDEN TEXT—The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.
—Luke 12:23.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of a Foolish Rich Man.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Foolish Rich Man.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Rich Toward God.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—True Riches.

Since on October 8 we had a lesson on the birth and childhood of Jesus, many will doubtless prefer to have this new lesson instead of the Christmas lesson.

I. A Warning Against Covetousness (vv. 13-21).

1. The Occasion (vv. 13-15). One of the company requested Jesus to be umpire in a disputed estate. Two brothers were in trouble over an inheritance. Christ refused to enter the sphere of the civil law and warned against the spirit of avarice. Christ's mission was preeminently spiritual.

2. Enforcement of the Warning (vv. 16-21). The parable of the rich man shows clearly that to be concerned with earthly riches while neglecting God is the height of folly. The Lord's warning is of great importance today; for many are seeking gold and forgetting God. Note (1) his increase in goods (v. 16). His riches were rightly obtained, for the ground brought forth plentifully. This shows that a man may be rich because of the Lord's blessing upon him. (2) His perplexity (v. 17). His land was producing more than his barns would hold. He did not want it to go to waste. If he had possessed the right views of life and a sense of stewardship before God, he would have seen that his barns at least had enough for his personal needs and that he could have distributed his surplus to the needy and for benevolent purposes. (3) The fatal choice (vv. 18, 19). He chose to enlarge his barns and give up his life to ease and luxury. It ought to be a delightful task for men whom God has made rich to devote their time and energy to the distribution of their possessions to benevolent purposes. (4) The awful indictment (vv. 20, 21). God calls him a fool.

II. The Certain Cure for Anxiety (vv. 32-34).

Having shown the folly of the rich man who gained gold but lost God, He now urged the disciples to trust God and dismiss all anxious care. He assured them that they need not be anxious even for the necessities of life. Note:

1. The Argument (vv. 22, 23). This is summed up in one brief sentence: "The life is more than food, and the body is more than raiment." The God who gave the life and made the body should be trusted to provide food and clothing.

2. The Illustrations (vv. 24-28). (1) God's care for the fowls (vv. 24-26). The ravens do not sow nor reap; yet they live, for God feeds them. If God does not forget the fowls, certainly He would do more for His children. (2) God's care for the flowers of the field (vv. 27, 28). If God is so careful of those flowers which appear but for a day, how much more will He clothe His children!

3. The Exhortations (vv. 29-34). (1) Make not the getting of food and clothes your chief concern. Trust God to provide them. (2) Seek the kingdom of God (v. 31). Those who make God's kingdom first shall have all their needs supplied (Phil. 4:19). (3) Be not afraid (v. 32). God's good pleasure is upon His own, and all good things will He give them. (4) Practice self-denial in order to be able to give gifts to those in need (vv. 33, 34). The doing of such deeds will tend to lift the thoughts upward to God—to trust Him.

III. Be Ready for the Coming of the Lord (vv. 35-40). Having warned the disciples against the acquisition of worldly goods while forgetting God, and shown them the needlessness of anxiety for food and clothes, He shows them the blessedness of being in a state of readiness when the Lord shall come. Conviction as to the certainty of the Lord's coming is the sure cure for worldliness and anxious care. This attitude of heart He made clear by two parables—that of the returning of the Lord and that of the thief. The Lord will be so pleased with those who are waiting for Him that He will take delight in sitting at the banquet with them, and even serve them. The parable of the thief shows that the time of the Lord's coming is not known.

Paul's Wish.

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.—Philippians 3:8-11.

So Many Ravens.

The Lord never had so many ravens as he has this morning.—T. De Witt Talmage.

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The Piper in the Subway

By Christopher C. Hazard

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THERE is a contrast to the holiday atmosphere as one passes into the dark and damp underground way out of the great depot. A chill strikes upon the soul as well as upon the body. The passer hurries on to escape into the light and cheer of the street. He hugs his Christmas packages a little closer and tries to whistle himself into something like gaiety. Suddenly he is startled and helped by the tones of a merry tune and discovers the old blind man who has long haunted the dismal place. For years this unfortunate has made it his one business to stand there and pipe up the falling spirits of travelers. His face has refused the marks of darkness and his soul has kept gladness behind its closed and curtained windows. As one stops to leave a token and a word of appreciation with him he says, "Thank you; I don't know as I ever did anybody any good; some people don't like it."

SURE ENOUGH.

Jimmie: Sister says she expects a handsome present from you Christmas.

Cholly: Hand-some? Maybe she means me.



The Holiday Spirit

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CAN there be anyone who does not polish up his holiday spirit by reading Dickens' "Christmas Carol"? Is there anyone who does not give himself the fun of skimming down the slide with Bob Cratchit and laughing at his comforter, "three yards long, exclusive of the fringe," stream out behind him like the woolly tail of a kite? Is there anyone who does not creep up the cold staircase with Old Scrooge and shiver into his dismal room there to eat a small and lonely bowl of porridge with the crusty old gentleman? Is there anyone who does not love Tiny Tim and his wee, brave crutch? And Mrs. Cratchit, who can cook a goose to beat anything thus far accomplished in the history of mankind? And then, when we follow the Spirit of Christmas Past, can anyone fail to be moved by the forlorn little figure of Old Scrooge as a lad, left in loneliness at school during the holidays? Could anything be more pathetic?

Has anyone such astounding control of his feet that he can prevent them from dancing at Mr. Fezziwig's party? And where is the impossible person who can suppress a cheer at that remarkable gentleman's performance with his legs? "If such there be, go, mark him well," for he has no pleasant places in his heart for these delightful humors.

And then the damsel with the "lace tucker"! Dear me, what a chase she gave one! Interested young man in Blind Man's Buff! And how he paid her up for it in a certain shadowy corner of the room; how he did, indeed! But she liked it. Oh, yes, she liked it very much indeed, did the damsel with the lace tucker!

Then to return to the Cratchit family, who is there to resist the simple toast of Tiny Tim, a toast of five words that encompasses the hope of all men:

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One quart cream, 1 cupful macaroons (1 doz.), ½ cupful sugar, ¼ cupful finely chopped raisins, 1 teaspoonful vanilla.

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TINLEY PARK

A large company of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Funk Sunday morning to celebrate the latter's birthday. The usual good time is reported.

The Zion Lutheran church will hold special New Year eve services Saturday night, Dec. 30th, and also on New Year's day.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Hollstein was baptized Sunday by Rev. A. Buddenhagen of the Zion Lutheran church. Name given, Charlotte.

The Tinley Park public school will have a Christmas program and Christmas tree Friday afternoon, and all the parents are invited to attend.

George Lorenz will hold a Christmas dance Saturday night of this week, and a New Year's dance Saturday, Dec. 30th.

FRANKFORT

The local lodge, Royal Neighbors of America, met at the town hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, and the following officers were elected: Oracle, Mrs. Fred Warming; vice oracle, Mrs. Roberts; past oracle, Mrs. Anna Keliher; recorder, Mrs. Ford; chaplain, Mrs. Robert Stephens; inner sentinel, Mrs. Minnie Fink; outer sentinel, Mrs. Frank Eisenbrandt; marshal, Mrs. Arthur Bauman.

Mrs. L. Hue entertained the Pinochle club at her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Peter Folkers won the first prize, and Mrs. Fred Hausner won the second prize. Three tables played, after which refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Freda Schrader, Dec. 29th.

Mrs. Charles Balchowsky visited in Chicago several days, en route to her home. She attended the board meeting of the Will county Home Improvement club at the farm bureau, Joliet. She was accompanied by Mrs. G. Andrew of Frankfort.

Several persons have joined the Red Cross this year. The proceeds of the campaign were turned into the Joliet office by the head officer of this village, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Deitricks entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. Schmidt of Troy and Mrs. Hugh Kuhse of Joliet, last Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Anderson underwent an operation for appendicitis in Silver Cross hospital, Joliet, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lambrecht, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stillwagen and daughter, Marie, were entertained in Chicago, Monday.

Marley Couple Wed 50 Years; 300 Guests Invited to Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Marshall, widely known residents of Marley, and pioneer settlers of Will county, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, Dec. 21st. Over 300 invitations were issued, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall received their many friends from all over the county and other places at their home in Marley during the afternoon. They received many beautiful gifts of gold.

The Old Year and New.

Different nations began the year at different times. The Romans started it with March 1, the Macedonians in September, the Aztecs on February 23, the Athenians in June and the Persians on August 11.

Seeking Kind Words.

"Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "if I become a candidate will you make speeches in my behalf?" "Of course, Leonidas." "Then I am going into politics. I think I'll feel more encouraged when you're talking about me than I do when you're talking to me."

Original Use of Word "Dope."

The word "dope" as applied to drugs, comes from the Dutch "doop," which in English originally meant a thick liquid or semi-liquid. It was first applied as a term for the treacelike preparation of the opium smoker.

Must Have Other Copy.

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after.—Goldsmith.

"The French Fury."

"The French Fury" is a name given to a treacherous attack on Antwerp by four thousand French soldiers under the Duc d'Anjou, January 17, 1583. The citizens repelled the attack, killing about one-half the French and taking the rest prisoners.

Sociological Note.

Anyone who has watched an individual beggar for any length of time will not conclude that the vacation in elevating in character or that its reaction upon the individual is a desirable one.—Quarter News.

Mokena Community

Xmas Program Draws Immense Crowd Wed.

Mokena has heard much about a community Christmas, but it remained for Mokena public school to make it a reality, when the first Community Christmas Program was held at the Hatch hall, Wednesday evening.

The program was wonderful. The children did their parts in an excellent manner, which showed what good work our very efficient corps of teachers are doing. The program was richly interspersed with music, songs, sketches, recitations, etc., and some of the numbers were so good that they "brought the house down," as the saying is. The Victrola which is used at the school, which is the best of its kind ever seen in Mokena, was used for the Christmas program.

At the close of the program, Santa Claus himself appeared, all garbed in red and white, and was a real jolly old fellow. Prof. Brown called the school directors to Santa's aid in distributing the wealth of Christmas gifts among the children from the gift-laden tree which graced the platform.

About 500 persons attended the first community affair, which has brought the public and the school in closer relation.

Alvin Spiess came down with the measles Wednesday. His home is under quarantine.

Mrs. John Mattes returned Wednesday from Mauston, Wis., where she was called by the serious illness of her father, who suffered a stroke of paralysis a week ago. The former a sister, Mrs. Albert Braun, who also went to Mauston, has not returned yet.

Mrs. George Schroeder and son of Frankfort were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sohnmuhl, Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church held their monthly meeting with Mrs. H. Deadmore Thursday. A Christmas party was held in connection.

The pupils of the M. E. Sunday school will meet for rehearsal at the church this (Friday) afternoon after school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cordano, on Saturday, at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Peter Hanson, in Mokena, a son, Mr. and Mrs. Cordano live in St. Joseph, Mich., and the latter has been visiting here. She will be remembered as Miss Etta Hanson.

Erwin McGovney had his foot injured when a horse fell on him, Tuesday.

Mrs. Reab of Colona, Ill., is visiting with her son Harvey.

Mrs. Elmer Erickson, who was recently operated on at Silver Cross hospital, Joliet, is improving nicely.

Mrs. H. Deadmore attended a Christmas party of the Past Councilors of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, at Joliet.

The 500 club met with Mrs. Harry Mall last Friday. Mrs. Ona McGovney had high score, Mrs. Fred Klatt, low score. Prizes were awarded.

The first real cold snap was experienced Monday, when the thermometer registered 5 degrees below zero.

Mrs. George Knudson visited in Chicago Wednesday.

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FRANK VALY, Mokena.

The Civics class in the High school held an interesting debate last week on the subject, "Resolved, that rural schools should be consolidated." The affirmative won the decision.

This week they debate the subject, "Resolved, that the government provide a system of unemployment insurance."

Stephen Buzkowski, who has been at Silver Cross hospital since he had his left hand amputated as a result of an accident with a gas engine, returned Monday, and is staying with Walter McGovney.

Lake Champlain.

Lake Champlain was discovered in 1609 by Samuel de Champlain, a French explorer and colonizer, who gave it his own name. The lake is drained on the north by the Richelieu river, which empties into the St. Lawrence.

Early Machine Sewing.

The earliest attempt at sewing by machinery of which there is an authentic record was in 1755, in which year a machine was patented in England by C. F. Weisenthal.

Toothache Superstition.

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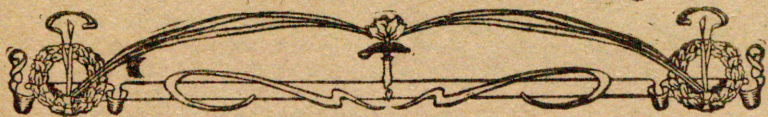
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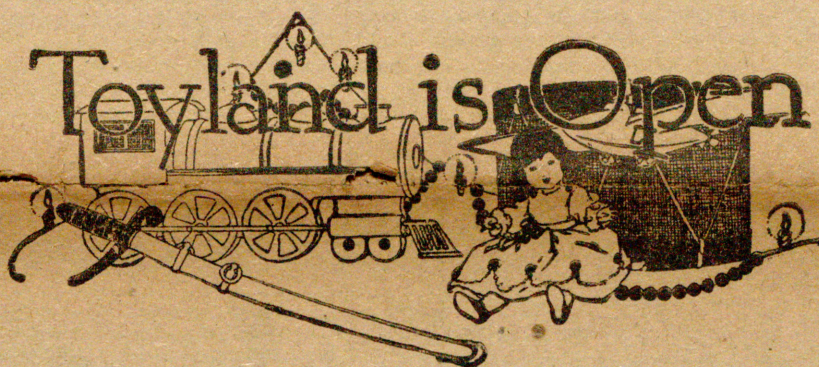
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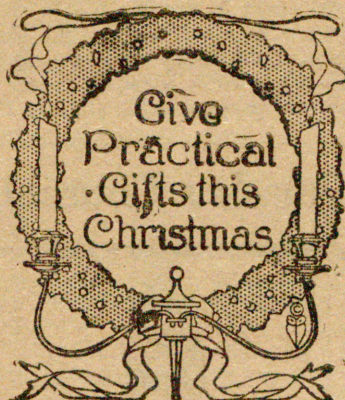
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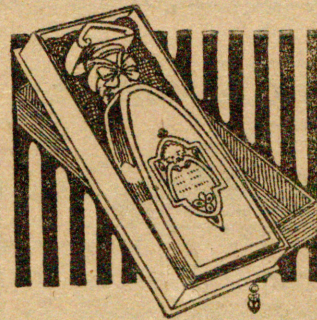


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Happenings of the World Tersely Told

Domestic

Three men were burned to death and four others injured, one possibly fatally, when a fire destroyed a cottage in which they were sleeping at Little Wadsworth, near Akron, O.

S. Davies Warfield, president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities at Washington, advocates immediate consideration by congress of President Harding's rail suggestions.

For a period of 25 minutes all street cars in the city of Louisville, Ky., were at a standstill because the current was cut off by disturbances of atmospheric conditions by the aurora borealis.

The President at Washington says he will sign the bonus bill if it can be financed, and veterans in Cincinnati conference endorse sales tax as the means of raising revenue.

The Seaboard National bank of New York paid \$900 at auction for the liner Hianis, which the shipping board built during the war at a cost of \$500,000.

In an attack by 15 Moros on the constabulary detachment on Secuban island in the Philippines, two outlaws were killed and five constabulary soldiers were wounded.

Walter Malinowski, eleven, was dragged to death at Miner, Ill., when a cow he had been leading ran away. He had tied the lead rope around his body.

Army officers at Nogales, Ariz., have abandoned hope of finding Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieut. C. L. Webber, missing aviators, alive, or of finding their bodies.

Wallace Reid, one of the bright film stars, and the idol of movie fans, lies in a remote little Los Angeles (Cal.) sanitarium—fighting to "come back."

Louis Maspons, chief internal tax collector at Havana, declares Cuba could annually produce 200,000,000 liters of industrial alcohol, drawn from the sugar crop, to compete against gasoline.

Within twelve hours after her complaint was filed, Mrs. Dorothea Owen Hawkins, daughter of Robert L. Owen, United States senator from Oklahoma, was granted a divorce from Hawkins at Reno, Nev.

The American ambassador, Col. George Harvey, is returning from London to the United States for a visit. The ambassador's visit will coincide with the presence in America of the British debt commission.

Ten men arrested in connection with the alleged looting of soldiers' barracks at Camp Grant were held under bond before United States Commissioner Stanley M. Vance, at Freeport.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of America opened at Indianapolis Wednesday, with representatives of 32 Protestant denominations in attendance.

After having been aground on a rock ledge near Fish Rock, 70 miles north of San Francisco, since Monday night, the British steamer *Osteric* broke in two. The crew was taken aboard another steamer.

Washington

The United States treasury at Washington paid out a billion dollars and took in \$275,000,000 last Friday.

The Rumanian legation at Washington denied reports that Prince Carol of Rumania had left his bride.

A summons was sent from Dublin to all Sinn Fein clubs to meet a committee of the senate to discuss Irish peace.

A bill to prevent double prosecution by state and federal authorities for a single violation of the prohibition act was introduced at Washington by Representative Brennan (Rep., Mich.).

Privileged status was granted by the house rules committee at Washington to the Green resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit issuance of tax-exempt securities.

The senate at Washington passed a \$23,000,000 appropriation bill for the Labor and Commerce departments.

Canada was the recipient of nearly half the corn exports from the United States in 1921, the Department of Agriculture at Washington reports.

Repeal of the legislation creating the railroad labor board and summary dismissal of that body is provided in a bill introduced in the house at Washington by Representative McGregor (Rep., New York).

President Harding at Washington is understood to be planning to leave Washington on March 6 to take a vacation in Florida.

Government officials at Washington are highly elated over the operation of the budget system, which has resulted in the passage of three of the eleven supply bills to date.

The Department of Justice at Washington asks an appropriation of \$1,725,000 to cover the salaries of special deputy marshals employed during the railroad and coal strikes.

The Navy department asked a naval construction program costing \$331,000,000, Chairman Kelley of the house appropriations subcommittee told the house at Washington in explaining the subcommittee's report.

The naval appropriation committee at Washington suggested that President Harding call another arms conference to limit small fighting craft.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Red Cross was formally opened at Washington by President Harding, who said the organization's work is the best answer to foreign critics of America.

Personal

Elleser Ben-Yahuda, world-famous Hebrew author, died suddenly at Jerusalem.

John H. Bass, eighty-seven, millionaire philanthropist, died at Fort Wayne, Ind., after a lingering illness.

Justice Mahlon Pitney of the Supreme court at Washington sent his resignation to President Harding, because of illness. He will serve until January 1.

Mrs. Charles Cary Ramsey, widow of the sculptor and polo player who was killed in an automobile accident less than three months ago, died of pneumonia at her Long Island (N. Y.) home.

Foreign

A Peking dispatch says that in order to exact a retirement pension when the Shantung railroad is taken over by the Chinese, Japanese employees of the road have gone on strike.

French toy makers at Paris are seriously concerned over the importation of millions of marks' worth of German toys for Christmas sale, despite the heavy tax on all German goods.

Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, former provisional president of Poland, has been appointed chief of staff of the Polish army at Warsaw. He replaces General Sikorski, who has assumed the premiership.

Lieut. Gen. Sir George Montague Harper, K. C. B., general officer of the southern command since 1919, was killed and Lady Harper seriously injured when their motor car overturned near London.

The government at London secured a victory in the Portsmouth by-election, the first since the general election, when Col. Leslie Wilson, chief Conservative whip, was elected to the house of commons.

President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State informed the Cork harbor commissioners he would not aid them in their effort to have the dail appoint a peace committee to deal with republicans.

The Japanese consul at Tsingtao, Shantung, which Japan has just returned to China, reports the city is practically without government, but the bandits have removed from near the city.

A duel with pistols was fought at Montevideo, by Dr. Baltasar Brum, president of Uruguay, and Dr. Luis Alberto Herrera, former legation secretary at Washington. Each fired two shots, hitting nothing.

Charles R. Crane, former American minister to China, was received by the caliph at Constantinople, who said Turkey looked to the United States for commercial support and friendly guidance.

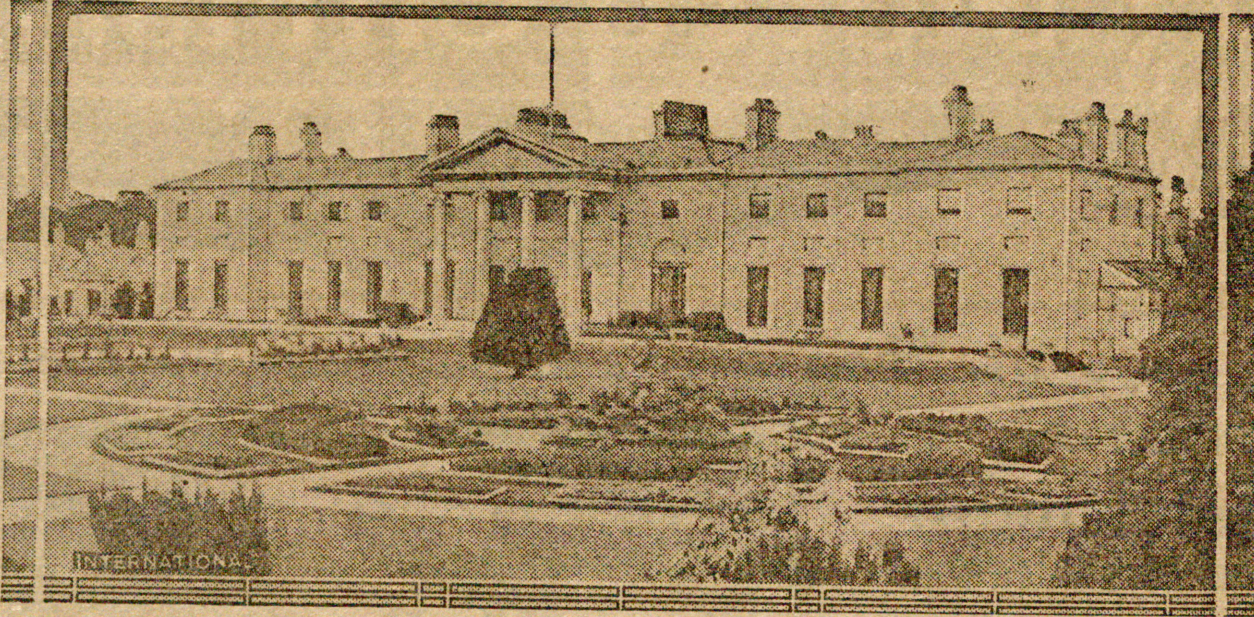
In the elections in the Moscow soviet, 1,498 communists and 110 non-partisan deputies were elected. Only workers and government employees may vote, employers and other bourgeois being barred.

As a result of the rioting during the inauguration of President Narutowicz at Warsaw, the minister of the interior has been forced to resign, the police chief has been discharged, and most of the workmen are striking.

A Melbourne dispatch says Premier Hughes has been re-elected to parliament, but most of his cabinet seem to have been defeated. His adherents seem to have captured slightly fewer seats than opposing parties combined.

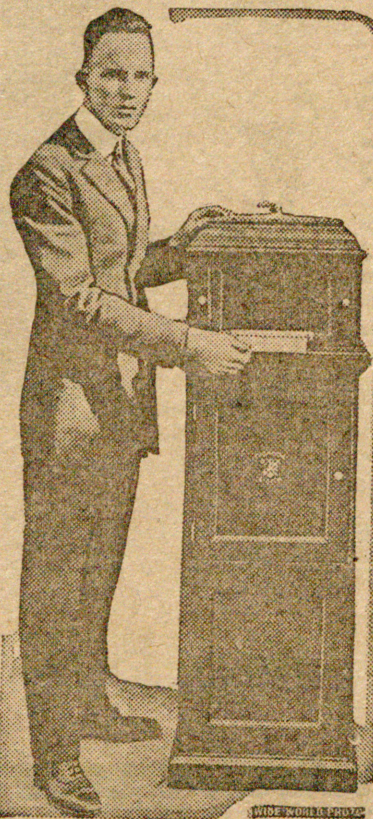
A "platinum rush" is on in the village of Gehlhausen, Germany. Many residents have become rich through the finding of a platinum wire in the earth near the site of an electric lamp factory burned in 1920.

Residence of Governor General Tim Healy



This is the vice regal lodge in Phoenix Park, Dublin, which becomes the residence of Tim Healy, governor general of the Irish Free State.

CONGRESS MAY USE IT



Marshal F. Thompson of Washington, D. C., and the electrical voting machine which he has invented and which is being tried out in congress. If installed, a vote will be cast by pressing a button on the member's desk, the vote being visibly shown on an indicator to be placed at the speaker's desk. It is claimed that this almost instantaneous voting machine will save about three months' time during one congressional session. It supplies a permanent record, automatically counted and printed and avoids clerical errors, also recording the number of absentees.

KLAN FOR A SPORTSMAN



Gov. John Parker of Louisiana, who is trying to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan in his state, is an enthusiastic sportsman. This exclusive photograph of him was taken when he was out hunting recently.

TWO M. C. GRANDDADS



Little Miss Virginia Aswell Cantrill, aged two months, who has the unique distinction of being the granddaughter of two congressmen, Aswell of Louisiana and Cantrill of Kentucky. Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cantrill of Washington.

Say the Farm Needs Educated Women



How college women can be induced to take up farm life was discussed by the Women's National Farm and Garden association in session in Chicago. "The hope of the country lies in getting the women with education on the farm," said Mrs. Newton B. Ashley, sister of Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, who is a member of the association. "The women with college degrees will not stand for the drudgery of the farm women of yesterday and will, consequently, turn their efforts to running the farm on scientific lines." In the illustration, left to right, are: Mrs. Frances King, Mrs. Russell Tyson, president, and Mrs. Bertram W. Pennington.

Expert Canners Win Trip to Europe



Miss Beulah Rodgers (left) and Miss Kathryn Bollbaugh, Iowa girls who by their skill in canning won a trip abroad at the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago. At the expense of the American committee for devastated France, these girls and two from Colorado will go to Europe for three months to demonstrate to the French people of the war zone American methods of canning fruits and vegetables.

Canada's Churches Are Being Burned



This photograph shows the ruins of the Presbytery at Oka, Quebec, where priceless records of pioneer days were destroyed by fire. The numerous church fires have caused grave concern throughout Canada. Many Catholic institutions have been burned to the ground. Incendiarism is suspected.

PROPOSES PARLEY ON REPARATIONS

United States Government Suggests to France Formation of Commission.

GERMANY FAVORS PROPOSAL

International Body of Bankers Would Mediate Claims if Plan Accepted—France, However, Raises Question of Guarantee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States government has suggested informally to Premier Poincare of France, the establishment of an international commission to mediate on the question of reparations commission to determine to the satisfaction of all nations concerned the amount of reparations Germany will be able to pay.

This commission will be composed of the greatest financiers in the world, it was learned authoritatively, but the method of the makeup of the commission with countries from which its members would be drawn, and other details are not settled. The German government also has been sounded out on this proposition, and the understanding is that Ambassador Wiedfeldt has communicated to the United States the willingness of Germany to abide by the decision of such a commission, provided that the United States is satisfied the commission will be formed in such a way as to assure just and fair treatment for Germany.

This tentative acceptance by Germany is made in the face of the fact that the United States is strongly committed to the principle that Germany must pay up to the extent of her ability. France has as yet given no assurance whatever that the mediation of such a commission would be satisfactory to her, but has countered with formal queries to this effect: Supposing such a commission should fix Germany's liability, what assurance would we have, any more than we have now, that Germany would pay the amount determined by the commission as being just and fair?

DENVER MINT IS HELD UP

Two Bandits Fire on Four Armed Guards and Escape With \$200,000 Currency.

Denver, Dec. 19.—After firing on four armed guards at the entrance to the Denver branch of the United States mint and fatally wounding one of them, two bandits escaped in a motor car with a strong box containing \$200,000 in \$5 bills. So sudden was the attack that the guards hardly had time to return fire on the bandits when they had disappeared.

Charles Linton, the guard who was shot, died in a hospital a few hours after the robbery.

FIGHT STORMS TO RESCUE 23

That Number of the 27 Missing From Lost Tug Reliance Are Saved.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 19.—After being marooned for five days on barren Lizard Isle in Lake Superior, with the temperature below zero and apparently without food, twenty-three of the twenty-seven missing persons from the tug *Reliance*, have been rescued by the tugs *Gray* and *Favorite*, according to a meager wireless dispatch received here from the Gray.

O. K. 239 MILLIONS FOR NAVY

House Passes the Appropriation Bill and Requests New Armament Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Retaining intact the provision requesting the President to call another international conference for limitation of warships and aircraft not covered in the five-power naval treaty, the house passed the naval appropriation bill without a record vote. It now goes to the senate. The bill provides \$325,000,000 for naval activities during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

ESCAPES DEATH; TO HANG

Survivor of Suicide Pact Sentenced to Dies by English Chief Justice.

London, Dec. 19.—Any person surviving a suicide pact is guilty of murder, according to a decision handed down by the lord chief justice in sentencing Lilian Symonds to death for the murder of Gladys Wall. Symonds and Gladys agreed to commit suicide by throwing themselves in front of a train. She was instantly killed and he lost both legs.

Kentucky Women Searched. Jackson, Ky., Dec. 19.—Women as well as men were forced to undergo a search for weapons as they entered the courtroom here to attend the murder trial of Eleanore Wilson and Nathan Clemmons.

Siberia Ejects Foreign Consuls. Vladivostok, Dec. 19.—The soviet government has ordered the consuls of France, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Poland, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Latvia and Czechoslovakia to leave immediately.

MISS LULU BETT

by
Zona GaleIllustrations by
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"LULU, ONE MOMENT!"

SYNOPSIS.—General factotum in the house of her sister Ina, wife of Herbert Deacon, in the small town of Warbleton, Lulu Bett leads a dull, cramped existence, with which she is constantly at enmity, though apparently satisfied with her lot. She has natural thoughts and aspirations which neither her sister nor her brother-in-law seemingly can comprehend. The other members of the family are Di Deacon, eighteen; Monona Deacon, a child, and Mrs. Bett, Mrs. Deacon's mother, who has "tantrums."

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At length they rose. Monona flung herself upon her father. He put her aside firmly, every inch the father. No, no. Father was occupied now. Mrs. Deacon coaxed her away. Monona encircled her mother's waist, lifted her own feet from the floor and hung upon her. "She's such an active child," Lulu ventured brightly.

"Not unduly active, I think," her brother-in-law observed.

He turned upon Lulu his bright smile, lifted his eyebrows, dropped his lids, stood for a moment contemplating the yellow tulip, and so left the room.

Lulu cleared the table. Mrs. Deacon essayed to wind the clock. Well, now. Did Herbert say it was twenty-three tonight when it struck the half hour and twenty-one last night, or twenty-one tonight and last night twenty-three? She talked of it as they cleared the table, but Lulu did not talk.

"Can't you remember?" Mrs. Deacon said at last. "I should think you might be useful."

Lulu was lifting the yellow tulip to set it on the sill. She changed her mind. She took the plant to the woodshed and tumbled it with force upon the chip-pile.

The dining room table was laid for breakfast. The two women brought their work and sat there. The child Monona hung miserably about, watching the clock. Right or wrong, she was put to bed by it. She had eight minutes more—seven—six—five—

Lulu laid down her sewing and left the room. She went to the woodshed, groped about in the dark, found the stalk of the one tulip flower in its heap on the chip-pile. The tulip she fastened in her gown on her flat chest.

Outside were to be seen the early stars. It is said that if our sun were as near to Arcturus as we are near to our sun, the great Arcturus would burn our sun to nothingness.

In the Deacons' parlor sat Bobby Larkin, eighteen. He was in pain all over. He was come on an errand which civilization has contrived to make an ordeal.

Before him on the table stood a photograph of Diana Deacon, also eighteen. He hated her with passion. At school she mocked him, aped him, whispered about him, tortured him. For two years he had hated her. Nights he fell asleep planning to build a great house and engage her as his servant.

Yet, as he waited, he could not keep his eyes from this photograph. It was Di at her curliest, at her fluffiest, Di conscious of her bracelet, Di smiling. Bobby gazed, his basic aversion to her hard-pressed by a most reluctant pleasure. He hoped that he would not see her, and he listened for her voice.

Mr. Deacon descended upon him with an air carried from his supper hour, bland, dispensing. Well! Let us have it. "What did you wish to see me about?"—with a use of the past tense as connoting something of indifference and hence of delicacy—a nice customary, yet unconscious. Bobby had arrived in his best clothes and with an air of such formality that Mr. Deacon had instinctively suspected him of wanting to join the church, and, to treat the time with due solemnity, had put him in the parlor until he could attend at leisure.

Confronted thus by Di's father, the speech which Bobby had planned deserted him.

"I thought if you would give me a job," he said defensively.

"So that's it!" Mr. Deacon, who always awaited but a touch to be either irritable or facetious, inclined now to be facetious. "Filling teeth?" he would know. "Marrying folks, then?" Assistant justice or assistant dentist—

which?

Bobby blushed. No, no, but in that big building of Mr. Deacon's where his office was, wasn't there something—

It faded from him, sounded ridiculous. Of course there was nothing. He saw it now.

There was nothing. Mr. Deacon confirmed him. But Mr. Deacon had an idea. Hold on, he said—hold on. The grass. Would Bobby consider taking charge of the grass? Though Mr. Deacon was of the type which cuts its own grass and glories in its

vigor and its energy, yet in the time after that which he called "dental hours" Mr. Deacon wished to work in his garden. His grass, growing in late April rains, would need attention early next month. . . . he owned two lots—"of course property is a burden." If Bobby would care to keep the grass down and raked . . . Bobby would care, accepted this business opportunity, figures and all, thanked Mr. Deacon with earnestness. Bobby's aversion to Di, it seemed, should not stand in the way of his advancement.

"Then that is checked off," said Mr. Deacon heartily.

Bobby wavered toward the door, emerged on the porch, and ran almost upon Di returning from her tea party at Jenny Plow's.

"Oh, Bobby! You came to see me?" She was as fluffy, as curly, as smiling as her picture. She was carrying pink, gauzy favors and a spear of flowers. Undenably in her voice there was pleasure. Her glance was startled but already complacent. She paused on the steps, a lovely figure.

But one would say that nothing but the truth dwelt in Bobby.

"Oh, hullo," said he. "No. I came to see your father."

He marched by her. His hair stuck up at the back. His coat was hunched about his shoulders. His insufficient nose, abundant, loose-lipped mouth and brown eyes were completely expressionless. He marched by her without a glance.

She flushed with vexation. Mr. Deacon, as one would expect, laughed loudly, took the situation in his elephantine grasp and pawed at it.

"Mamma! Mamma! What do you suppose? Di thought she had a beau—"

"Oh, papa!" said Di. "Why, I just hate Bobby Larkin and the whole school knows it."

Mr. Deacon returned to the dining room, humming in his throat. He entered upon a pretty scene.

His Ina was darning. Four minutes of grace remaining to the child Monona, she was spinning on one toe



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with some Bacchanalian idea of making the most of the present. Di dominated, her ruffles, her blue hose, her bracelet, her ring.

"Oh, and mamma," she said, "the sweetest party and the dearest supper and the darlings decorations and the gorgeousest—"

"Grammar, grammar," spoke Dwight Herbert Deacon. He was not sure what he meant, but the good fellow felt some violence done somewhere or other.

"Well," said Di positively, "they were. Papa, see my favor."

She showed him a sugar dove, and he clucked at it.

Ina glanced at them fondly, her face assuming its loveliest light. She was often ridiculous, but always she was the happy wife and mother, and her role reduced her individual absurdities at least to its own.

The door to the bedroom now opened and Mrs. Bett appeared.

"Well, mother!" cried Herbert, the "well" curving like an arm, the "mother" descending like a brisk slap. "Hungry now?"

Mrs. Bett was hungry now. She had emerged intending to pass through the room without speaking and find food in the pantry. By obscure processes her son-in-law's tone inhibited all this.

"No," she said. "I'm not hungry."

Now that she was there, she seemed uncertain what to do. She looked from one to another a bit hopelessly, somehow felled in her dignity. She

brushed at her skirt, the veins of her long, wrinkled hands catching an intenser blue from the dark cloth. She put her hair behind her ears.

"We put a potato in the oven for you," said Ina. She had never learned quite how to treat these periodic refusals of her mother to eat, but she never had ceased to resent them.

"No, thank you," said Mrs. Bett. Evidently she rather enjoyed the situation, creating for herself a spotlight much in the manner of Monona.

"Mother," said Lulu, "let me make you some toast and tea."

Mrs. Bett turned her gentle, bloodless face toward her daughter, and her eyes warmed.

"After a little, maybe," she said. "I think I'll run over to see Grandma Gates now," she added, and went toward the door.

"Tell her," cried Dwight, "tell her she's my best girl."

Grandma Gates was a rheumatic cripple who lived next door, and whenever the Deacons or Mrs. Betts were angry or hurt or wished to escape the house for some reason, they stalked over to Grandma Gates—in lieu of, say, slamming a door. These visits radiated an almost daily friendliness which lifted and tempered the old invalid's lot and life.

Di flashed out at the door again, on some trivial permission.

"A good many of mamma's stitches in that dress to keep clean," Ina called after.

"Early, darling, early!" her father reminded her. A faint recollection of his was somehow invested with the paternal.

"What's this?" cried Dwight Herbert Deacon abruptly.

On the clock shelf lay a letter.

"Oh, Dwight!" Ina was all compunction. "It came this morning. I forgot."

"I forgot it too! And I laid it up there," Lulu was eager for her share of the blame.

"Isn't it understood that my mail can't wait like this?"

Dwight's sense of importance was now being fed in gulps.

"I know. I'm awfully sorry," Lulu said, "but you hardly ever get a letter—"

This might have made things worse, but it provided Dwight with a greater importance.

"Of course, pressing matter goes to my office," he admitted it. "Still, my mail should have more careful—"

He read, frowning. He replaced the letter, and they hung upon his motions as he tapped the envelope and regarded them.

"Now!" said he. "What do you think I have to tell you?"

"Something nice," Ina was sure.

"Something surprising," Dwight said portentously.

"But, Dwight—is it nice?" from his Ina.

"That depends. I like it. So'll Lulu." He leered at her. "It's com-

ing."

"What?" said Ina. "Who?"

"From a woman," he said, toying with his suspense.

"Your brother!" cried Ina. "Is he coming?"

"Yes. Ninian's coming, so he says."

"Ninian!" cried Ina again. She was excited, round-eyed, her moist lips parted. Dwight's brother Ninian. How long was it? Nineteen years. South America, Central America, Mexico, Panama "and all." When was he coming and what was he coming for?

"To see me," said Dwight. "To meet you. Some day next week. He don't know what a charmer Lulu is, or he'd come quicker."

Lulu flushed terribly. Not from the implication. But from the knowledge that she was not a charmer.

The clock struck. The child Monona uttered a cutting shriek. Herbert's eyes flew not only to the child but to his wife. What was this, was their progeny hurt?

"Bedtime," his wife elucidated, and added: "Lulu, will you take her to bed? I'm pretty tired."

Lulu rose and took Monona by the hand, the child hanging back and shaking her straight hair in an unconvincing negative.

As they crossed the room, Dwight Herbert Deacon, strolling about and snapping his fingers, halted and cried out sharply:

"Lulu. One moment!"

He approached her. A finger was extended, his lips were parted, on his forehead was a frown.

"You picked the flower on the plant?" he asked, incredulously.

Lulu made no reply. But the child Monona felt herself lifted and borne to the stairway and the door was shut with violence. On the dark stairway Lulu's arms closed about her in an embrace which left her breathless and squeaking. And yet Lulu was not really fond of the child Monona, either. This was a discharge of emotion akin, say, to slamming the door.

"Well, I'm Bert's brother," said Ninian. "So I can come in, can't I?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Photographic Hint.

The ordinary photographic plate, which is not color sensitive, is really blind to certain colors. These colors are reds, yellows and greens. The result is that all are rendered black in the print. Suppose one wanted to photograph a shawl with a design in black, red, yellow, and green. The ordinary plate would render these colors almost all the same. In the picture it would be difficult to say where the red ended and the yellow began. But by using a color-sensitive plate and a color filter on the lens, the differences would be shown and the design would be clear.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

HAPPINESS

IF YOU would get your full share of happiness out of life, you must at all times contribute happiness to others.

When a little cloud of doubt comes between you and your dearest friend, or an angry word pops off unexpectedly in a heated argument, hasten without delay to obliterate it. If you have been at fault lose not a moment in making an apology.

Do not brood over imagined offenses, for it is often that brooding adds fuel to a flame which, if let alone, would die out of its own accord.

Many lives have been utterly wrecked and thousands of hopes blasted by bestowing too much thought on petty trifles and idle words whose meanings had been so warped and twisted that they became monstrous offenders, when in reality they were mere feather-weight nothings.

There is an innate proneness in all of us to sail under false colors and to misjudge our most intimate friends, so we turn our backs upon the bright and beautiful, head our frail craft toward darkness to make love to our own ugly souls, while we bestow hate upon the fair souls of our intimates.

And while we habitually do these absurd things, we become more and

more estranged and less inclined to be reasonable.

Even while we are in these deplorable humors, Happiness stands smiling beside us, but we stubbornly refuse to put out our arms to embrace her. And in this manner we become an eternal puzzle to ourselves and our associates.

Who among the earthly hordes can understand the human heart, always pretending to seek Content, yet locking the door when Content would enter and abide in peace?

Preaching one thing and practicing another has more to do with the cheerfulness and the gloom of the world than most of us suspect, yet many of us, wittingly or ignorantly, continue to pursue the folly without pausing to consider the result.

After all, happiness is not far away, but within our own doubting hearts, and if we bemoan its loss with sincerity, all we have to do to reclaim it is to sacrifice pique and pride, and pay court to it like a passionate lover. (©, 1922, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

THE MEANEST MAN

By WILL M. MAUPIN

I'VE heard of men so awful mean They'd skin a flea for hide and tallow; Or lick a soup bowl slick and clean, No matter if 'twere deep or shallow. I've heard of men so mean of heart They'd squeeze down hard on ev'ry dollar.

Until the goddess fell apart And was compelled to loudly "holer."

I've heard of men so mean and "near" The thought of wear gave them keen twinges, And so they climbed the fence for fear To swing the gate would wear out hinges.

And once I knew a man so mean His heart was wont to quickly flutter If children at his board were seen To use molasses on bread and butter.

But of all men described as mean There's one who's worse than all the others;

His heart so small, his soul so lean, That all good thoughts he quickly smother.

He is so mean, and always was, That as excuse for never giving He says there is no Santa Claus— And he's the meanest fellow living. (© by Will M. Maupin.)

SCHOOL DAYS



well, let rise and bake in a large bread pan or in smaller loaves.

Stuffed Figs.

Figs are one of our most valuable fruits and they are usually reasonable in price. Cut a small slit in the stem-end of pulled figs and work in one or two blanched almonds. Another nice filling is a mixture of almond paste, walnut and hickory nuts to which has been added enough orange juice or cream to hold the mixture together. A portion of the soft meat of the fig is removed and the paste is then inserted with a pointed spoon or knife. Press the opening together and roll the fig in granulated sugar.

Coffee Custard.

Scald two cups of milk with two tablespoons of ground coffee and strain after the coffee is well steeped. Beat three eggs lightly, add one-fourth of a cup of sugar, a pinch of salt, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of vanilla and the milk. Strain into buttered molds, set in a pan of hot water and bake until firm. Test by thrusting in to the center a steel or silver knife; if it comes out clean, the custard is done.

Noodles.

Beat one egg slightly, add one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of baking powder, one tablespoonful of cold water and sufficient flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out as thin as a sheet of paper, dredge with flour and let dry, then roll up and cut in strips. Drop into boiling hot soup and cook ten to fifteen minutes.

A nice luncheon dish which may be prepared from cooked noodles is as follows: Line a buttered baking dish with cooked noodles, pour over a custard made of two beaten eggs, one cup of milk, one-half cupful of finely minced ham, and one tablespoonful of minced parsley. Turn over the noodles, mixing well. Set into a moderate oven and bake until the custard is set.

Nellie Maxwell
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Happiness.

A small patch of woods on a broad water; back of the woods, a little clearing for garden and hen house. Some cackling, a little crowing. A boat and fishing near. A shelf of books, including encyclopedia. A fairly silent companion, much given to thought and listening, but capable of occasional intelligent expression. Banks in a log cabin. My typewriter in a sunny corner. A photograph. Enough dollars each week to insure the next, and—well, that's about all. That's my idea of living!—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Uncommon Sense . . .

By
JOHN BLAKE

AS OLD AS HIS HOPE

YOU can't live on hope, of course. But neither can you live without it.

The surest sign of growing old is the fading of hope.

The best indication that a man still has youth and a future, is the tenacity with which he clings to his hope.

You smile at the rainbow chaser, but he is far more likely to get something worth while out of life than the cynic or the pessimist.

You can't catch even a street car without wanting to catch it, and you will never catch even the rim of happiness without hope.

Don't be afraid of hope. And don't be afraid to hope high, and hard.

Make your hopes great enough, and if you realize 25 per cent of them you will finish far ahead of your neighbor. The doughboys who went to war hoping to come home colonels or generals

didn't all achieve their ambition. But a lot of them came back lieutenants, and still more came back with D. S. C.'s and Croix de Guerre.

Those who went to war despondently came back, most of them, but they came back privates, and opportunity, which they never hoped for, passed them by.

Youth, which all men want to hold as long as they can, feeds on hope.

A distinguished lawyer, seventy-five years old, is today in Europe doing an important work for his country. He will succeed, because though his physical strength has waned, his hope burns as high as ever.

You will have trials and discouragements, and black hours, but hope will carry you through them. Cling to it and you will live and die with a youthful heart. Give them up and desolation will cloud your autumn years and despair will accompany you to your grave. (Copyright by John Blake.)

Our Christmas

WHEN the shades of evening gather
And the Christmas time is here,
And you go home from your labor
To enjoy the Christmas cheer—
When the Christmas tree is lighted
And the children gather 'round,
There is one thing that must be present
If the greatest joy is found.

There must be inner conscience
Telling you with truthful voice
That you've done something for someone
That will help that one rejoice—
Some poor stranger, widow, orphan,
Someone that you did not owe.
Ah, the gift need not be costly
To relieve another's woe.

And the greatest gift at Christmas
That a person ever received
Was to know that through his efforts
Someone's suffering was relieved;
For the Master, on whose birthday
All the Christmas gifts are given,
Will see that act and send to him
A Christmas gift from heaven.
—Thomas G. Andrews in Kansas City Star.

not at first see the little person
perched on the edge of the mantel.
"How do you do?" asked a tiny
voice. It tinkled like a fairy sleigh-
bell.

"Mercy!" exclaimed Sally.
Jerry just winked his eyes very fast.
"Here I am up by the clock," tinkled
the voice again.

And sure enough, there she was in-
deed! The children saw her now. A
wee, slender bit of a thing about the
size of a sweet pea. And she was the
whitest creature you could imagine.
Snowflake ruffles with crystal trim-
ming, icicle jewels in her hair, and
eyes bright and frosty as stars.

Jerry and Sally gasped. Sally
wanted to jump up and hug her. But
you can't do that with a Snow Fairy;
she'd melt all to pieces in your fingers,
and then where would you be?

"I have come to pay you a little
call," laughed the fairy, "because I
like to talk with children who are ill
and can't go out. I just came from a
house down the street where a baby is
cutting a tooth. Such a cunning baby!
I played hide and seek under its chin,
and you should have heard him



Away They Went.

gurgled! He forgot all about that tooth
that was making so much fuss about
coming through. I left him kicking up
his heels and crowing like a young
rooster."

Sally and Jerry laughed.
"Shall I dance for you?" asked the
Snow Fairy politely.

"Oh, yes!" beseeched the children.
Up jumped the white little person,
and in the twinkling of an eye she had
begun. The children never saw such
dancing in their lives. Never!

The Snow Fairy prouetted on top
of the clock; she whirled like a crystal
prism. She jumped down and made a
low bow to a china shepherdess, and
then the shepherdess threw away her
crook and danced with the fairy. Away
they went, whirling and bobbing and
turning and dipping. They jumped
over vases; they peeked out behind
pictures, they fairly flew through the
air until you could not tell which was
the Snow Fairy and which the china
shepherdess.

Jerry and Sally clapped their hands
and laughed until they could laugh no
longer. They forgot all about parties
and new slippers and making snow-
men.

Then the strangest thing happened.
They could not see the Snow Fairy at
all. She wasn't there, and if you'll
believe me, the china shepherdess was
standing stiffly in her old spot as
though she'd never had a thought of
moving in her life.

"Dear me!" said Sally rubbing her
eyes.
"Dear me!" said Jerry, rubbing his.
Mother came in soon after that. She
stood smiling down upon them.

"Both you children were sound
asleep on your stools when I was in
here before. Do come and have some-
thing good to eat. I have a little party
all ready for you."

And Sally and Jerry never said a
word about the Snow Fairy. But they
were as cheerful as cherubs the rest
of the day.

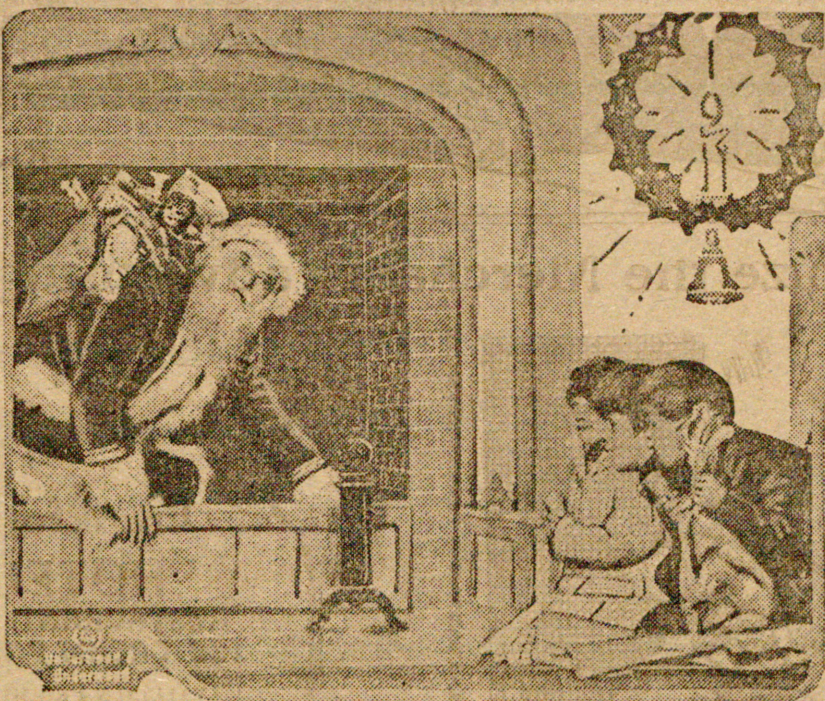
That Word "Saffron."

The word "saffron" comes into the
English dictionary from the Arabic.
The Arabs use the word "zafaran" to
designate a species of crocus with
light purple flowers which develop in
autumn. The plant grows in parts of
Asia and in the south of Europe.—Mil-
waukee Sentinel.

His Grouch.

"As the song has it, we are only poor
weak mortals, after all." "Admitted,"
said Mr. Grumpson. "What I object to
is the large number of persons with
no other visible means of support who
draw fat salaries for telling us how
weak we are."—Birmingham Age-Her-
ald.

HE CLIMBED RIGHT DOWN THE CHIMNEY



Jacques' Christmas

By
Eleanor E.
King

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A BLIZZARD was brewing.
Little cutting pieces of snow
were being blown in whirls
around corners and down
the street. Huddled down
in his coat stood a newsboy
of some eight or nine years.
His face was drawn with the
cold and he beat his hands against
his sides to keep them warm.

Last-minute Christmas shoppers
hurrying along to get their various
errands done, gave no thought to the
little fellow who pestered them with
his papers. He ought to have known
better when they had so many things
to think about.

"Yeh, all the news—the latest news.
Won't cha buy one, mister? I only
have a couple more." He looked up
pleadingly into the face of a passer by.

"Sorry, sonny," smiled the man.
"got one here now that I probably
won't ever get a chance to read—so
busy," and he hurried along his way.
The rush of pedestrians subsided a
moment. The boy singled out a young
woman, as he said, "She looks kind.
I'll try her."

"Yeh—all the latest news—just out
—won't cha buy one, please, lady?
I only have a few."

She opened her purse and started
to hunt for the money.
"I've just got to sell these papers
out early tonight, 'cause it's my last
chance to buy that doll. You know,
my little sister, they say, isn't very
well, and the only thing she says she
wants is an orange for Christmas, but
I know better." He paused for breath.



She Opened Her Purse.

"She wants a doll, but she thinks she
can't ask for it 'cause we haven't
money for dolls. I have, though,"
he said promptly. "I've been watching
a doll in one of the windows here. I'm
going by tonight and get it."

"What is your name, son?"
"Jacques—and my sister's—ma
petite sœur—Marthe."

"Zshack?—What a queer—"
"No; it isn't," he said, anticipating
what she was going to say. "My
mother is French. Those names are
beautiful—to us," he added after a
pause.

"Where do you live, Jacques?"
"Sixty-nine Kensington Square. Top
floor, back two rooms. I've got that
down pat now, haven't I?"

Difference Is Fundamental.

There is this difference between a
wise man and a fool: The wise man
expects future things, but does not
depend upon them, and in the mean-
time enjoys the present, remembering
the past with delight. But the life of
the fool is wholly carried on to the
future.—Exchange.

Stimulating Values of Colors.

A French experimenter tested the
strength of the handgrip under colored
lights, and found red was distinctly
the most stimulating color, the remain-
ing colors falling in the order: Orange,
yellow, green and blue.

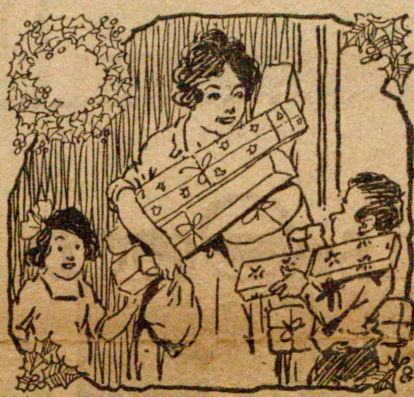
"Yes, you won't get lost right soon,"
she replied as she put her arm around
him, and gave him a gentle tap on the
shoulder. "Merry Christmas, Jacques,"
and she was on her way. She stopped
a little way down the street, however,
wrote something down, then hurried
on.

Another half hour found Jacques
hugging an orange and a little doll
under his coat as he trudged along
home. When he opened the door a
little voice started chanting, "Frere
Jacques, Frere Jacques—you're late
tonight."

"Yes, Marthe. Today I was talk-
ing to Santa on the corner, and he
said he was awfully busy. He
doubted if he would get all around
this year."

"Oh!" said Marthe in a disappointed
tone.

Jacques' mother was sewing busily
upon a garment she was intent upon
finishing. Tomorrow was Christmas,



His Mother Was Just as Excited as He.

and no sewing was going to be left
over to bother her.

Marthe's bedtime came, and Jacques
fixed his presents in preparation for
the morning. He had found a Christ-
mas tree branch in the street, and this
he made into a little tree under which
he placed his gifts.

Christmas morning dawned brightly
in the little French home. Jacques'
surprise was complete, for Marthe
went into raptures over the tree and
her presents. She alternately hugged
and kissed her doll, keeping up a con-
stant chatter to it in French. The
orange and a few other presents that
she had found under the tree she put
on the shelf, so that she could admire
them while she rocked her doll.

Jacques had had his surprise, too—
"Give and it shall be given unto you"
—for his two packets under the tree
had grown to be six or seven.

"Mother," he said, "I think I will
have to try my new mittens and see
exactly how warm they are." So say-
ing, he slipped into his coat and
pushed on the door. What ailed it?
Was it frozen shut, stuck, or what was
the matter?

With his mother's help the door was
opened. To their surprise they found
that a huge pile of packages had been
the cause of their trouble.

Jacques gave a cry of delight
as he pounced upon the bundles.
His mother was just as excited as
he, as she helped carry in the stuff.

Then followed one of the happiest
hours the family had ever known—
whole two-dozen oranges and all sorts
of wholesome food. Jacques' mother
fairly wept with joy.

Santa remembered us after all,
mother," said little Jacques, "and he
left this note on one of my presents.
Look, mother, it says:—

"I hope you will always be as
thoughtful of your sister, Jacques. A
Merry Christmas and a Bright and
Happy New Year."

"SANTA CLAUS."

Hint for Amateur Painters.

When painting or varnishing soft
wood, always first paint the wood with
shellac and let it dry before painting
or varnishing. This saves about half
the paint and gives a much harder and
smoother surface to the wood.

Birds and Animals Exterminated.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes, the well-
known naturalist, says that about fifty
species of birds and animals have been
exterminated in the United States,
while several others are on the verge
of extermination. The buffalo (or
bison) is not extinct, there being nearly
70,000 living buffaloes in the United
States today.

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WESLEY BARRY

in

"RAGS TO RICHES"

Thursday, December 28th

BESSIE LOVE

in

"FORGET ME NOT"

Friday, December 29th

HERBERT RAWLINSON

in

"CONFIDENCE"

Saturday and Sunday

December 30th and 31st

JACK HOLT

in

"WHEN SATAN SNEERS"

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BUCK JONES

in

"BELLS OF SAN JUAN"

Saturday and Sunday

December 30th—31st

HOOT GIBSON

in

"THE LONE HAND"

MUSIC by GRAND ORCHESTRA

Seems Reasonable.

We do not in the least object to a
row in an adjoining apartment. But
if we are kept awake by it we think
it only fair and equitable that we
should be permitted thoroughly to un-
derstand and enjoy it.—Philadelphia
Public Ledger.

First Step Important.

We are masters of our first step
and slaves of our second.—Prof. Fries
rich Meinecke.

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you make, you include
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ORLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Cox
motored to LaGrange Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Munch of Palos en-
tertained the ladies of Laurel
Camp to a chicken dinner Thurs-
day. After dinner a regular
meeting was held. Next meeting
they will be entertained at the
home of Mrs. Thomas Wheeler.

Mr. Frank Bettenhouse and sis-
ter of Argyle, Minn., have been
visiting at the Ike Cleveland
home.

Mrs. Conn Hellenhouse had the
misfortune of falling from the
porch, injuring herself about the
face quite badly.

Miss Luella Schrader of Lemont
visited at the W. R. Schussler's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horn,
who spent the last two weeks in
town, returned to their home in
Chicago.

The M. E. church will give a
Christmas entertainment Friday,
Dec. 22nd.

Mrs. Raymond Cooper returned
home after spending a few days in
Chicago.

Mr. John Tash purchased a
portable garage last week.

Clarence Beagley, who has been
acting as substitute for Mail
Route 1, took the examination
and successfully passed it for
mail carrier.

Walter Smith, son of Martin
Smith Sr., who resides west of
town, had the misfortune of a
wagon loaded with corn run over
his ankle, fracturing some small
bones. It was necessary to re-
move him to the Burnside hos-
pital, where his leg was placed in
a cast.

Mrs. Louis Arnold Jr. and
daughter Ruth spent Saturday
and Sunday with relatives in
Chicago.

The old schoolhouse of Orland
Park was sold Dec. 16th. George
Gee, cashier of Orland State Bank,
purchased the property for \$2,610.
Edward J. Schmadeke acted as
auctioneer.

Theodore Graskey contemplates
building a house in the Gee and
Hacker subdivision soon.

Snappy Bits From Worth

BY DE LITIOUS

Our "ruddy cheeked Apollo,"
whose gallant deeds we recounted
some time ago, was seen strolling
down one of Chicago's 'erstwhile
Rialtos' last Sunday a week ago
in the company of one of his many
doting and beautiful admirers.
If a certain other famous "Vase-
lineo" doesn't present himself
soon and defend his escutcheon,
his record as a heart-breaker will
soon be shaded by the former's
volcanic manner.

The gossip flies that on a certain
evening a few weeks ago a certain
group of the village's snappiest
yarn spinners chanced to meet in
the railroad depot, and vied with
each other for first place in the
art of rendering snappy stories in
an interesting manner.

Unknown to him (her?) self each
orator had an additional audience
whose listening members were not
intended to vibrate in unison with
the tales being related. 'Tis said
a more surprised group of young
(old?) cake-eaters would be hard
to find in any city for many
leagues around when the railroad's
"efficient" (!) ticket "salesman"
and its protégé emerged from the
darkness of the depot's inner
sanctum to start Uncle Sam's
messages on their merry way via
the 6:20 dummy.

The "certain group" has given
vent to an intense curiosity as to
whether or not their recitations
were enjoyed, and make it known
that their stocks of such "epi-
logues" are absolutely inexhaust-
ible, so they who crave such
amusement need not fear to ask
for more. "Wahoo," the guard!

'Tis rumored Bruce Lucas is
looking for the musician who can
use the drum of his ear.

Ray Russert is still hunting for
the "obo" who sharpened his
shoulder blades!

"Pickles" Stromberg lies in
ambush, awaiting the unfortunate
who stole the key for the lock of
his hair.

Policeman, arriving at door of
Mr. Patrick Ulster, whom he has
just escorted home in a highly
colored condition, knocks at door,
and Mrs. Pat looks out top-story
window, and asks: "Who is
there?" The policeman told her,
whereupon she answered: "Throw
him in the lake; I'll get him in
the morning." Is it any wonder
the corn was shocked and the fire
went out?

Notice To Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that a
special meeting of the stock-
holders of the Mokena State
Bank, located at Mokena, Illinois,
will be held at the banking house
of said bank on Thursday, Janu-
ary 18, 1923, at 3 o'clock p. m.,
for the purpose of considering
the following question: "Shall
the number of Directors of this
bank be decreased from ten to
nine?"

Dated at Mokena, Illinois, this

18th day of December, A. D.

1922.

Christ Bechstein,
Emil P. Krapp,
Herbert Moriarty,
W. H. Bechstein,
George J. Hacker,
Charles F. Schmuhl,
George McGovney,
William C. Wunderlich,
Henry J. Schluntz,
Directors.

(dec 22-29 jan 5)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Cox and
son Harry and Mrs. William Cox
were entertained at the Jacob
Youngs home of North Chicago.

Thomas Wheeler is under the
doctor's care at Decatur hospital.
Mrs. Lester Kay has been on
the sick list.

Today.

There is a thing called yesterday,
but that is only the dust-bin at the
door, into which we cast our refuse,
our failures, our worn-out souls. There
is a thing called tomorrow, bursting
with far better things than those
which we have discarded. But in to-
day the whole passionate force of the
universe is poured—and therefore to-
day is marvellous.—S. P. B. Maïs.

Man and the Flowers.

The fragrance of plants is not for
man's pleasure; it is a means of at-
tracting insects to fertilize them. The
object of many present-day florists is
to improve a flower in its coloring,
size and substance—in short to "paint
the lily." They cannot improve the
fragrance, which is perhaps the reason
they seem to care so little for its dis-
appearance under their handling.—Ex-
change.

Jester Founded Great Hospital.

St. Bartholomew's hospital, in Lon-
don, was founded by the court jester
of Henry I.